

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraph [0002] as follows:

[0002] Such a pyromechanical securing element is known from German Offenlegungsschrift 10 338 394, (which corresponds with US 2006/0110233 A1 to ~~Breed, et al.~~ Brede, et al.) which was published after the priority date of this application.

Please amend paragraph [0015] as follows:

[0015] FIG. 2, is a cross-sectional view corresponding to that of Figure 1 after fixation of the adapter to the covering; ~~and~~

Please amend paragraph [0016] as follows:

[0016] FIG. 3, is a cross-sectional view taken along lines 3 – 3 of ~~Figure 2.~~ Figure 2; and

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[0016.1] FIG. 4, is a cross-sectional view taken along lines 4 - 4 of Figure 3.

Please amend paragraph [0024] as follows:

[0024] ~~The three~~ Figures 1 - 3 do not show the securing means or a stop for a first component.

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[0025] Figure 4 illustrates the pyromechanical securing element 10 in an application similar in some respects to the device illustrated in U.S. 2006/0110233 A1 to Brede et al. referenced hereinabove. The covering 1 of the pyromechanical securing element 10 is positioned to extend leftwardly through registering concentric through passages in adjacent first and second components 17 and 18, respectively, until the leading stop surface of the beveled corners 8 of the collar 4 abut the first component 17. As

illustrated, the head part 5 of the covering 1 extends leftwardly from the first and second components 17 and 18, and the rear part 16 of the covering 1 extends rightwardly through the apertures of the first and second components 17 and 18. As best seen in Figure 3, the rear part 16 of the covering 1 includes the collar 4 which has been previously deformed into the circumferentially alternating beveled corners 8 and flats 15. The collar 4 comprises stop means radially disposed on the rear part 16 of the covering 1 which registers with the concentric through passages. Upon ignition of the propellant charge 6, the head part 5 frangibly separates into discrete elements along the radially and longitudinally extending theoretical break notches 11, which are rotatively deformed generally about the large diameter portion 14 of the adapter 2, as depicted by arrow 19, until forming a clamping engagement with the second component 18. As illustrated in phantom, the deformed discrete elements of the head part 5 cooperate with the stops formed by the beveled corners 8 to clampingly secure the first and second components 17 and 18 together.